THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Employment of Handicapped, an amount of Rs. 5,90,400- was released to the Government of Andhra Pradesh as grant-in-aid for setting up of a new special Employment Exchange for Persons with Disabilities at Cuddapah during 1999-2000. At present, there is a Special Employment Exchange at Hyderabad and there are two Special Cells functioning at Vishakhpatnam and Vijayawada. However, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 5,00,504/- for upgradation of Special Cell functioning at Vishakhapatnam into a full-fledged Special Employment Exchange, during the year 2000-2001.

(b) and (c) There is no such pending proposal from State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Pension scheme for unorganised sector

†2954. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Committee to recommend a parallel pension scheme for unorganized sector and to set up an independent regulatory authority to watch working of the pension scheme and also introduce a new scheme in place of public provident fund;

(b) if so, by when the said Committee would submit its report; and

(c) by when Government are likely to take a final decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The Government has not set up a

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Committee to recommend a parallel pension scheme for unorganized sector. However, under its terms of reference, the Second National Commission on Labour set up by the Government on 15.10.1999 is expected to suggest an umbrella legislation for ensuring a minimum level of protection to the workers in the unorganized sector.

Notices to fertilizer companies for recovery of dues

2955. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether ESI and the State Provident Fund Department have issued notice to certain fertilizer companies to recover outstanding Government money from them;

(b) if so, the details of such companies separately;

(c) whether Government have prepared any strategy to recover the said amount;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (e) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Three wheelers at easy instalments

†2956. SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide three wheelers on easy instalments on humanitarian ground to such rickshwa pullers all over the country whose names appear in the Municipality records by the year 2000;

(b) whether Government propose to take any decision to ensure

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